GUILTY VERDICTS AND SENTENCING FOR
ARYAN BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS

LOS ANGELES – A U.S. District Court jury has found Aryan Brotherhood prison gang members Robert Griffin and John Stinson guilty of a Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) conspiracy.

The jury also convicted Stinson late Jan. 9 of the murders of Arthur Ruffo and Aaron Marsh. Both men will be sentenced in May.

On Jan. 9, U.S. District Court Judge Manuel Real sentenced Aryan Brotherhood member Steve Scott to 18 years and four months in federal prison to run consecutive with his current sentence after being found guilty in October 2006 of a RICO conspiracy.

The convictions and Scott's sentence date to October 2002, when 40 members and associates of the Aryan Brotherhood were indicted for racketeering charges that alleged a series of murders and violent attacks designed to preserve the power of the white, prison-based criminal enterprise.

The 10-count indictment alleged that members of the Brotherhood committed 16 murders and 16 attempted murders, as well as additional conspiracies to commit murder and solicitation to murder. These crimes allegedly were committed on behalf of the Brotherhood to promote the gang and its members and to control drug trafficking, gambling and extortion in the prison systems.

To date, 19 defendants pled guilty, two defendants died, the government dismissed charges against two defendants, and seven defendants have been convicted at trial. A fourth trial is scheduled to begin in February.

The Aryan Brotherhood case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the California Department of Corrections, the United States Bureau of Prisons, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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